

**“Absenteeism:
Reaching out to parents and students”**

Date:

Monday 21st September 2020 [9am EDT, 2pm BST, 3pm CEST, 11pm AEST]

Audience:

Anyone whose work relates to school absenteeism, and parents of children who experience barriers to school attendance.

Outline:

Absenteeism, and particularly persistent or chronic absenteeism, is a complex and global problem. There are no easy answers, and the attendance data collected by schools is not necessarily mirrored in parent reports, which raises questions about its accuracy. Whilst monitoring absenteeism and addressing it early can be effective, it often goes unnoticed until problems are more entrenched. At INSA's annual conference last October in Oslo, we concluded that collaboration was essential, but this will only happen if schools and parents are able to work together, for the benefit of the child. This is easier said than done for many reasons, but understanding parental experience of this issue is key. This webinar aims to address some of these issues and shed light on this complex topic.

Panelists:

Fran Morgan, Founder, Square Peg, England. Fran is a parent with lived experience of school 'refusal'. Her organisation aims to effect change for these children and their families, and works alongside another parent-led organisation, Not Fine In School (NFIS) which supports the same families. NFIS has a closed Facebook Group with a membership of over 12,000 parents.

Dr. Gil Keppens is a senior researcher at Research Group TOR. He obtained his Master's degree (2012) and PhD (2018) at the Department of Sociology of Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium) where he gained experience in the design, data-collection, analysis, and valorization of qualitative and large-scale quantitative research. He is founding member of INSA and is member of the network's Executive Committee. His main research interests include youth research, sociology of education and educational policy.

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